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Food and Drug Administration
College Park, MD 20740

RE: Health Claim Petition - Unqualified Claim for Soy Protein Containing Products

and a Reduced Risk of Certain Cancers (the "Petition")

Dear Ms. Anderson:

Thank you for your letter dated March 16, 2004, regarding the above mentioned Petition filed on March 1, 2004.

We respectfully request clarification regarding the status of our Petition for an unqualified health claim. Please note that the Petition was submitted for approval of a qualified health claim; however, based on your letter it appears that FDA will be reviewing the Petition for approval of an unqualified health claim. Kindly confirm that our Petition will be considered for approval of a qualified health claim.

In addition, please send copies of all future correspondence to our outside counsel as follows:

Steven B. Steinborn, Esquire Hogan & Hartson, LLP 555 13th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004

I appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Vice President and General Counsel

cc: Steven B. Steinborn, Esquire

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